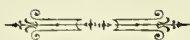


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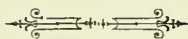
Annual Report

OF THE


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For the Year 1895.



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Ashby-de-la-Zouch Local Board District.

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT
FOR 1895.

April 13th, 1896.

TO THE ASHBY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year ending 31st December last, with the usual tabular statements, showing the Births, Deaths, and Cases of Infectious Sickness which occurred in the Ashby Urban District during the year 1895.

There were registered 150 births, or an annual rate of 33 per thousand of the population, against 131, or a rate of 28·8 for 1894. The number of deaths registered was 93, or a rate of 20·5 per thousand, against 89, or a rate of 19·6 in the previous year. On reference to Table A it will be seen that 18 of this number occurred at the Union Workhouse, leaving 75 to represent the Urban District proper, or a mortality of 16·5 per thousand. Two deaths

were due to Zymotic Disease, viz. Scarlatina, which gives a Zymotic death rate of $\cdot 22$ per thousand. The rate of mortality was lowest in December—being only $2\cdot 6$, and highest in August, when it reached $42\cdot 3$ per thousand. Summer Diarrhœa was very prevalent during this month, and accounted for several deaths among children.

It will be noted that only 3 deaths occurred from Phthisis, and 2 of these were inmates of the Workhouse: and it is satisfactory that on analysing the returns of several years, the Urban District is shown to have been remarkably free from this disease.

There were, in all, 47 cases of infectious disease notified during the year, and on referring to Table B it will be seen that by far the largest number were Scarlatina. This disease appeared fitfully from January until September when it entirely disappeared. Its area of distribution was rather peculiar, being most prevalent in the outer streets of the town, and the latest built, while the most central streets almost entirely escaped. There was but one case of enteric fever notified, and this was of a mild character. The person affected was in the habit of working at various places from day to day, and it was impossible to ascertain where he could have contracted the disease. The sanitary condition of his own dwelling was found to be quite satisfactory.

In the course of the year, I made an inspection of the various lodging houses, and reported to your Council the necessity of strictly limiting the number of inmates at each lodging house, and of securing efficient ventilation.

I also visited the various slaughter houses, cow sheds and dairies, as well as a considerable number of houses and premises, both independently, and in company with your Surveyor, with the object of detecting or correcting any condition likely to be of an insanitary nature, and injurious to health. Several cases of overcrowding came under notice, and though these are sometimes difficult to deal with, it is important that in the summer months, at any rate, anything in the way of overcrowding should be as summarily dealt with as the circumstances permit.

The water supply, in consequence of the extreme drought during the summer, had of necessity to be intermittent, and the consumption of water varied from 70,000 to 90,000 gallons per day of 24 hours. The steps taken by your Council, however, to augment the water supply, conjointly with a neighbouring Authority, will result in providing a constant and reliable service, and it is to be hoped that this comprehensive scheme will be carried out with the least possible delay.

I remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

CHAS. R. WILLIAMS.



TABLE A.

TABLE OF

DEATHS during the Year 1895, in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District, classified according to Diseases, Ages, and Localities.

Ashby Urban District, (excluding Union Workhouse) :—

Under 1 Year	...	...	...	...	...	24
1 and under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	5
5 " " 15 "	...	...	...	...	...	4
15 " " 25 "	...	...	...	...	...	1
25 " " 65 "	...	...	...	...	...	25
65 years and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	16

Union Workhouse :—

1 and under 5 years	...	...	...	...	...	1
15 " " 25 "	...	...	...	...	...	1
25 " " 65 "	...	...	...	...	...	7
65 years and upwards	...	...	...	...	...	9

At all ages 93

CAUSES OF DEATH.

Ashby Urban District, (excluding Union Workhouse) :—

	Under 5 years.		5 years and upwards.
Scarlatina	0	...	1
Diarrhœa and Dysentery	9	...	1
Phthisis	0	...	1
Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy	3	...	6
Heart Disease	0	...	6
Injuries	0	...	1
All other Diseases	15	...	32

Union Workhouse :—

Scarlatina	...	...	1	...	0
Phthisis	...	...	0	...	2
Bronchitis, Pneumonia and Pleurisy	...	...	0	...	1
Heart Disease	...	...	0	...	2
All other Diseases	...	...	0	...	12
			28		65

TABLE B.

TABLE OF

POPULATION, BIRTHS, and of New Cases of INFECTIOUS SICKNESS coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health, during the Year 1895, in the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District; classified according to Diseases, Ages and Localities.

POPULATION.						
Census, 1891	...	...	...	...	...	4,535

BIRTHS.						
Registered Births	...	...	...	...	...	150

NEW CASES of SICKNESS in each Locality coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health.

<i>Ashby Urban District,</i> (excluding Union Workhouse):—					Under 5 years.	5 years and upwards.
Scarlatina	...	...	...	...	6	25
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	5
Membranous Croup	...	...	...	...	1	0
Enteric or Typhoid Fever	...	...	...	...	0	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	7
<i>Union Workhouse—</i>						
Scarlatina	...	...	...	...	1	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	1
					8	39

